



The Carbondale Presbyterian

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Suleman Abdiah and Aimee Suleman (2000 Evergreen Terrace Drive West, Apartment 2, Carbondale, 62901-3947) and James Prest (76 Minnesota Road, P.O. Box 2835, Carbondale) all joined the congregation of First Presbyterian Church. Be sure to greet them when you see a new face around the church or send them a card and welcome them to the church family.

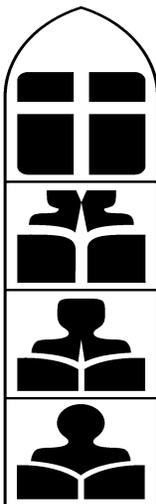
LAURIE'S OFFICE HOURS

For August, I will be in the office on the following Tuesdays:

August 2	On these days, I should be in from around 9 a.m. to around 4 p.m. If you need to meet with me, feel free to stop by or call or e-mail to schedule a time. My cell is 751-1419 or my e-mail is laurie@fields-halva.org .
August 9	
August 16	
August 23	
August 30	

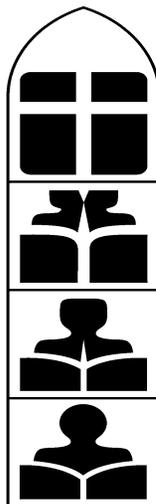


Sunday School Teachers needed: We are now recruiting teachers for all ages for Sunday School for the fall. We are particularly in need of caring adults who are willing to help teach our children on a regular basis. We will have three children's classes in the fall – preschool, early elementary, and upper elementary. If you are willing to help with one of these groups – or any other – please contact Laurie in the church office or at 751- 1419, e-mail laurie@fields-halva.org.



**Learn
&
Grow**

Sunday morning Bible Study will soon finish II Kings. Where the focus is after that remains to be decided. But whatever it is, you will find the group in the parlor after Fellowship time every Sunday morning throughout this summer.



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Even a new roof needs constant attention !

About 5:30 p.m., after work, Kenny O'Donoghue climbs his ladder by the drive through and again on Elm Street to clear our roofs of debris and clean out the roof drains. Providing this important and difficult service prevents water from accumulating on the roof and leaking into the building. It saves us hundreds of dollars in contractual maintenance costs.

Let this young man, in the front right pews with his beautiful wife Tish and daughter Emeri, know we treasure his contribution of service.





Marketplace 2011 was a wonderful week for everyone. The children were so proud of all the things they made. They just beamed when they could say their memory verse without looking. By Friday, they sang the songs with great gusto. The story of Baby Moses will be one they will remember for a long time and be able to tell others. The little basket for Baby Moses and the trinket box will sit on their shelves at home as a reminder of what they made. Seeing how weaving is done, finding the Nile River on the map, being able to write in hieroglyphics and Hebrew, and learning the ancient games all contributed to a wonderful week for the children. The adults went home tired, but delighted in what the children got out of that time with them.

Thank you for all you did to make the week such a wonderful one for the children. They might show off their bracelet, their mezuzah, their clay "thing", or talk excitedly about all the things they did. Know that you played a significant role in creating this week at Marketplace. Thank you for help with setup and take down for Marketplace. transformation was awesome!

The youth in the Beyond Marketplace had more to do than time to do it all. Every day they had a service project in Carbondale, Marion, or nearby. Perhaps the craft project is something they are most proud of, but what they did for others during the week is certainly something for which all of us should praise them. We look forward to seeing their brochure about ways we can help those in need. Thank you to all who encouraged and provided for this special group of youth.



A special place has been set up in Fellowship Hall with things for the children to do after worship. Look for the table near the windows with games, puzzles, coloring, and books. Occasionally, a movie will also be set up near the Kid's Korner table.

Growing Families in Fellowship invites all families with children ages 0 – 10 years to join us for a Swim Party on Sunday, August 7, from 3–5 p.m. at Cedar Lake Beach. We look forward to a fun afternoon in the sun and the water. Questions? Contact Mary Louise Cashel at 713-3404. Hope to see you there!



ATTENTION
YOUTH

Keep your eyes open for letters and emails that will be going out in August about all the fun activities we have planned for fall. Don't forget the Ice Cream Social at the Corker's on August 21.

*TAKE ME OUT
TO THE
BALLGAME!*



Photos by Dennis Howell



**Presbyterian Preschool Director
Suzanne Baker**

Prior to moving here, Suzanne taught in the four year old classroom last year. This year she will be continuing to teach as well as assuming the director position.

She was a teacher/director for 4 years at a private school in Michigan. Suzanne moved to Southern Illinois two years ago with her husband who is an assistant professor at SIU in the Rehabilitation Institute.

Suzanne has two children. Son Ian is six and will be in first grade at Tri-C Elementary and daughter Haley is three and will be attending the Presbyterian Preschool in the fall.

Plan to join us **August 19 at 5:30** p.m. for our Lula Hula party. Games, sprinklers and wading pools (for those who want to join in the water fun) will add to the fun. We will be saying good-bye to our old friends and hello to new friends as classes change for the fall.

DAY CARE

Thank you to everyone who helped with Marketplace this year. The Preschool Class had a great time participating in all the activities each morning. A special thanks goes out to Serena Lloyd and the Junior High Teens who came downstairs doing Marketplace and brought projects for the Toddler's, Two year old class, and Three year old class to complete. The children had a great time and learned a lot. We really appreciate their involvement with our program.





Little Dresses for Africa

Join us for a good cause, good fellowship and good fun. This sewing group will meet Thursday, [August 4](#), in the Fellowship Hall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please bring your sewing machine, iron, ironing board, thread, seam rippers, etc. The sewing project is very easy so you don't need to be an experienced seamstress to join the group — folks that know how to iron, use scissors and pin are needed too! Lunch will be potluck, so please bring a dish to share. For more information, contact either Karen Hippensteel, 684-4282 or Anne Barrett, 457-0123.



DINNER GROUP

The Dinner Group met at the Giant City Lodge on Thursday evening July 21 with a record attendance of 34 people despite the near 100 degree temperature. The chicken was great and the program given by Rev. Deborah Troester and Dr. Joseph Troester was excellent. If you missed this program be sure to see it July 31 at the Epiphany Lutheran Church on Chautauqua St. in Carbondale. The work Troester's are doing in the Central African Republic with water, sanitation and teaching is well worth hearing about and contributing to.

Due to the hot weather it has been decided to postpone the Train Trip to Centralia House in August. This trip will be rescheduled for September, most likely on the September 22. Additional details will be forthcoming in the September newsletter.



Photos by Linda Brandon

Don't forget the August gathering at Hunan's on August 18 at 6:00 p.m. The Milfords will host so you need to let them know that you will be there. Call Sarah or Jim at 529-3078 or email: sjmilford@frontier.net



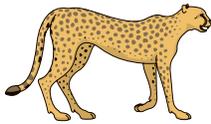
August 21, 4-6 p.m.

Time for the annual ice cream social! We always have a fun time creating the perfect ice cream creation. This year John and Susan Corker will host us at their home. You'll find us in their back yard. Bring sandwiches to share OR ice cream toppings and chairs or a blanket to sit on.

MaTT Club

is a place for kids and adults to gather with friends, old and new, at the table with Jesus.

God spoke: "Earth, generate life, wild animals—all kinds!" Genesis 1:24



All kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade (and their families), **Let's meet at the waterhole** for a wild and wonderful safari at Chinyere* National Parkway (First Presbyterian Church) on August 28 from 4-6 PM.

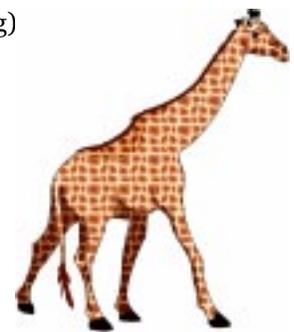
The evening will include: feeding the elephant and the lion, throwing water balloons at the hippo, tossing rings over the rhino's horn, face painting, bowling down the wildebeests, digging for bugs with the meerkats, going on a "Twilight Tour", eating an authentic African meal, and much more.

I still need a few more supplies:

- plastic jars with lids, the size of 18 oz. peanut butter jars, for the *Giraffe Craft* table
- a piece of plywood about 4 ft square (and figure out a way to make it free-standing)
- supplies and a way to make the (styrofoam) rhino head free-stand
- stuffed African animals (to be returned)

and folks willing to do some 'prep work':

- cut felt animal pieces and paper squares for the *Giraffe Craft* table
- cut "leaves" for trees

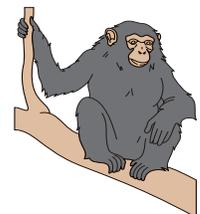


and of course folks willing to help set up on Saturday, August 27. Even small amounts of time are appreciated.



Our first MaTT Club meeting will be Sunday September 11. More about that in the September newsletter. Our theme for the 2011-12 year is the Old Testament. Some of the stories will be familiar and some may be new to you. I'm looking forward to another great year at MaTT Club!

*Chinyere (cheen-YEH-reh). Nigerian for- Gift from God





Costa Rica Revisited



Photos by Glenn Schubert & Janice West



Sermon Preached at La Iglesia Vida Nueva, San Juan de Poaz (June 23, 2011)



Pastor
Janice West

Text: Micah 6:6-8,
Matthew 22:34-40

. .but maybe the most important question is this – what happens to the world because of this week? What happens to the greater community of faith?

Well, the world becomes a much smaller place because we tell others that in Christ we are **all** one – there is no division.

The world – your neighbors and our neighbors – see us working together, eating together, walking, singing and praying together – and *someone*, somewhere in the world will think *if these people from Carbondale and these people from San Juan can get together, maybe we can, too.*

What happens to the world because of this week?

The power of God's Holy Spirit is let loose in the world – the love of God's son bathes the world in light and love and hope, and God the Creator makes something new in us and through us.

The prophet Micah offered simple words to the people when they asked what they should do. *Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with God.*

The lawyer, coming to Jesus asks the same question – and is told to love God with heart and soul and mind and strength – and love neighbor as you love yourself. I often tell my congregation it is this simple: *Love God, love everyone else.*

We all love God, love Jesus. This week we have come to love you and know of your love for us. And because of that love in Christ, our world will never be the same. In the power of that love and spirit, we can but say, thanks be to God. Amen.

As I begin this afternoon, I want to thank the church for warmly welcoming us, and taking such good care of us this week. I also want to thank Pastor Ronald Herrera opening his pulpit to me this afternoon. Thank you.

As I reflected on the week, and on our experiences with you here, (and your experiences of us) I began to think around three particular questions – *What Happens to Us? What happens to you? What happens to the world?* because of our involvement here this week?

What happens to us?

?Well, mi espaZol es mucho mejor [my Spanish is much better] (but don't speak too quickly or I will just smile and nod. . .)

?We've been to Costa Rica and know where San Juan de Poaz is. .

?We understand – maybe only a little – the lives and faith or our sisters and brothers in Christ – we know of your struggles to raise your children in faith, to nurture your youth in the ways of Christ, to support your families in faith, hope and love.

What happens to us?

We get dusty and dirty, we laugh and cry, we begin to see how

similar our hopes and dreams are – how we struggle and pray for similar things, how we are connected.

But thinking about ourselves first is a very North American thing to do. What happens to you in a week like this?

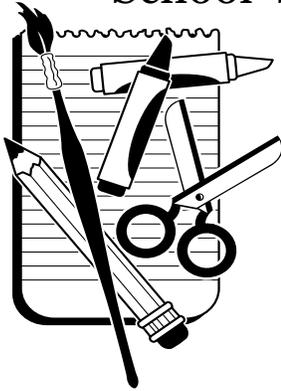
Work happens on your church building – for better or for worse! You've seen ceilings go up – some walls, some painting. Your lives have been disrupted – cooking such good food for us.

But what happens to you when we promise to return and a year turns into two, or three or five and we are not able to come? God knows we already long to be with you again – we understand what the apostle Paul meant when he wrote those words. Will you know that we still think of you? Will you know that your church and community will remain on our church prayer list and deep in our hearts?

What happens to you in a week like this? Will you know and remember that nothing, **nothing** will separate us from the love of God and from one another?

What happens to us is important. .
.what happens to you is important.

School Supplies Needed



University Baptist Church is sponsoring a drive for school supplies. Contributions of supplies or donations to help pay for supplies can be dropped off at the First Presbyterian Church office before Monday, August 8 in order for supplies to be distributed prior to the start of school. Walmart has a display of the supplies needed.

My Goof!

I mistakenly attributed the Memorial Day photos in last month's newsletter to Bob Luebbers when they were actually taken by Rob and Melissa Jensen.

Linda Brandon

OOPS

Hymn: "O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sin"

This error appeared in some other church publication not one of ours!

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60 years ago, August 4, 1951, James "Bud" Warren of our Church, sailed for India as a missionary. Sixty years later we celebrate the fact that our membership is involved annually in amazing mission work both locally and at a distance.